

Rev. G. J. Tillotson
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Dear Br. Phelps,

I was very much surprised to hear of a sudden death of yr dear wife, & of yr multiplied domestic afflictions. Tho' you have had more of severe discipline in a school of Christ, there is a common lot of ministers, it is doubtless designed to fit you for higher usefulness on earth, & brighter glory in heaven. I know how to sympathize with you dear Brother. But Christ is a only adequate sympathizing friend. The true source of consolation, you will understand. To a God of all grace, I would affectionately commend you in intercessory remembrances.

In reference to my own peo., I have nothing of special interest, to communicate. My peo. have occasion for mourning, rather than rejoicing; for sickness has for the last 2 months been prevalent here, & a church has been afflicted in the loss of some of its prominent members.

The malady prevalent is scarlet fever, erysipelas & kindred diseases. I rejoice to hear that in Hartford & vicinity, Wethersfield, Farmington & Bristol &c, a L. is reviving his work; also in the vicinity of N. Haven & in Fairfield co. I think of going on, by request, to spend a next week in old Windsor, aiding in a revival.

Having had about 80 dolls. by me for some weeks, I have sent that amount by a bearer of this, to Mrs. Palmer, if a friend of

"Davis & Palmer"; for Stephen Brown, ^{+ selling of stocks} in case he procured for me
a share of Shawmut Bank. I have also written a line to Brown.
If we can get a single share of the bank, this week or wednes^d,
we will probably do so. If not, we may get 2 shares of the
W. R. Rail Road, or a share of Merchants Bank. The W. R. Road
shares now sell at about 44 & 45 doll. pr. share. I wish you would
make a little inquiry about it if you can conveniently, &
if it is not confided in, as safe at that price, advise Brown for
me, not to get it. Brown may need 10 or ^{twenty} 20 doll. more; accord-
ing as what stock we get. The Shawmut has lately sold at
78 pr. share. ^{+ Merchants at 98 & 99} If more money be needed, I wish you to request
Palmer to pay it, or you borrow it for him; & you or he let
me know it, & I will forward it, at once. ^{Unless you prefer to apply some of + interest of your note.} If any should be left
over, of \$80 I have sent, ^{to Palmer} you may take & keep it till th^t, when
you remit div^d &c. It seems at + remittance of + last div^d,
you allowed some interest on a few dollars you had taken of
Palmer & used for a time. I did not wish any such allowances.
If I referred to interest in any previous letter, it must have been
on your note, & not, ^{on} that sum of money used for a short time.
My regards to your dear Mother if she is with you.
In haste yrs cordially, G. J. Tilden.

I do to & last summer intimated to you I would do, by my
request, a few members of my church have, by their late donations
made you a life member of the Board. Sh^d you see fit to acknowl-
edge it in any paper, (which is not necessary) "the Advertiser" & announce it was
in Ct. than + Records.

G. J. T.